

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA
MARCH QUARTER 1984**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES**Introduction**

This publication contains results of the quarterly Survey of Employment and Earnings which was introduced in the September quarter 1983. The survey is designed to obtain from employers information on numbers of wage and salary earners employed each month and their quarterly earnings. It replaces the civilian employees series, based principally on information obtained from payroll tax returns, which was discontinued after April 1980.

2. Background information on the reasons for the introduction of the new survey is provided in *Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment Statistics* (6239.0) published on 8 July 1981. Further information on the differences in concepts, methodology and coverage of the old and new employment series is provided in *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0) issued on 21 June 1984.

Scope of the survey

3. All wage and salary earners who received pay in the three months, 1 January to 31 March, 1984 were

represented in the survey, except:

- (a) members of the Australian permanent defence forces;
- (b) employees of enterprises in the private sector primarily engaged in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting;
- (c) employees in private households employing staff;
- (d) unpaid family helpers;
- (e) employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc.;
- (f) employees based outside Australia;
- (g) self employed persons such as subcontractors, owner drivers and consultants.

4. Estimates of employed wage and salary earners within the scope of the survey are shown below, together with estimates of those wage and salary earners employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the Australian permanent defence forces who are excluded from the scope of the survey.

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	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Estimates of employed wage and salary earners from survey of employers	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	5,053.4
Estimates of employed wage and salary earners out of scope of survey(a)	75.6	43.3	38.2	18.1	16.3	5.8	1.7	5.7	204.8

(a) Comprises estimates of wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces.

Survey design

5. The survey is conducted by mail each quarter with data collected on monthly employment and quarterly earnings. For the first and last month of each quarter the number of persons is collected; for the mid month of each quarter, details of males and females, full-time and part-time, are collected. (Estimates of full-time and part-time employees have not been included in this issue, but are available on request.)

6. For the *Private sector*, a sample of approximately 20,000 private employers was selected from the ABS register of businesses to ensure adequate State and industry representation. The statistical unit for the survey comprises all activities of an enterprise in a particular State. Each statistical unit was classified to an industry which reflected the predominant activity of the enterprise in the State. In a small number of cases where an enterprise had significant employment in more than one

industry, a separate statistical unit was created for each industry. The statistical units were stratified by State, industry and size of employment and a simple random sample selected from each stratum.

7. For the *Government sector*, statistical units were derived in the same way as for the private sector; data from *all* government units are collected in the survey.

Definitions

8. *Reference period* for the survey is the last pay-period ending on or before 20 January, 17 February and 16 March 1984.

9. *Number of employees* refers to all employees who received pay for any part of the relevant pay-period. All permanent, temporary, casual, managerial and executive employees are included. Part-time and casual employees who may have worked only a few hours during the reference period are included. Employees on *paid* leave and those employees on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the employer's payroll are also included. Casual employees who work on an irregular basis and who were not paid during the relevant pay-period, employees on leave without pay, on strike or stood down without pay for the whole of the pay-period are excluded.

10. *Full-time employees* are permanent, temporary and casual employees who normally work the agreed or award hours for a full-time employee in their occupation and received pay for any part of the reference period; if agreed or award hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they ordinarily work 35 hours or more per week.

11. *Part-time employees* are permanent, temporary and casual employees who are not full-time employees as defined above.

12. *Government employees* comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of Commonwealth, State, local and semi-government bodies engaged in services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education, radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, hospitals and welfare institutions.

13. *Commonwealth employees* are those employed by all government departments, agencies and authorities created by or reporting to the Commonwealth Parliament. Those bodies run jointly by Commonwealth and State governments are classified to Commonwealth.

14. *State employees* are those employed by all State government departments and authorities created by or reporting to State Parliaments, including organisations for which the Commonwealth has assumed financial responsibility e.g. universities. Following self-government, the Northern Territory administration has been classified as a 'State' government.

15. *Local Government employees* are those employed by municipalities and shires and other local authorities created by or subject to the provisions of local government legislation, such as county councils in New South Wales.

Reliability of estimates

16. As the estimates of private sector employment in this publication are based on information relating to a sample of employers rather than a full enumeration, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from all employers. This difference, called sampling error, should not be confused with inaccuracy that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents or in processing by ABS; such inaccuracy is referred to as non-sampling error and may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or sample. Efforts have been made to reduce non-sampling error by careful design of questionnaires, detailed checking of returns and quality control of processing.

17. The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results. One measure of sampling error is given by the standard error which indicates the degree to which an estimate may vary from the value that would have been obtained from a full enumeration (the 'true' figure). There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate differs from the true value by less than one standard error, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

18. If the standard error of an estimate is large relative to the size of the estimate, this detracts seriously from the usefulness of that estimate.

19. Standard errors on *levels* for industries are shown only for the month of March. As the survey is conducted quarterly from a common sample of employers, which report employment details for each month of the quarter, standard errors on all estimates for total persons employed in January, February and March are of a similar magnitude.

20. Standard errors on *movements* provide a measure of the reliability of changes in the level of an estimate. In this issue, standard errors for movements relate to the change in level of estimates for persons between the months of December 1983 and March 1984.

21. An example of the use of standard error on *levels* for the March 1984 estimates is as follows. Table 1 shows the estimated number of wage and salary earners for March 1984 as being 5,089,400 with a standard error of 16,700. Therefore there are about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a figure in the range 5,072,700 to 5,106,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 5,056,000 to 5,122,800.

22. Standard errors not shown in the publication are available on request.

Interpretation of estimates of movements

23. Whilst estimates of employed wage and salary earners are presented in this publication for each month of the calendar quarter, the survey is conducted quarterly and the sample of employers is updated each quarter to reflect changes in the ABS register of business units from which the sample is selected. These changes arise from the emergence of new businesses, takeovers and mergers, changes to industry classification, size of employment and businesses which have ceased operations.

24. Estimates of monthly movements within each calendar quarter arise solely from changes in reported employment by employers but quarterly movements also reflect changes resulting from updating the survey sample.

Industry classification

25. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) 1978 Edition*, (1201.0).

Comparability of results

26. The new series differs in several important ways from the former payroll tax-based civilian employees series and estimates of employed wage and salary earners provided by the Labour Force Survey. In particular, data are obtained directly from a sample survey of employers drawn from an ABS register of business units which is more complete than the coverage provided by employers subject to payroll tax. Comparability with Labour Force Survey estimates is affected by the use of a different survey methodology and definitions. A detailed description of the comparability between the new Survey of Employers series, the former payroll tax-based Civilian Employees series and the series provided by the Labour Force Survey is presented in the *Information Paper* (6256.0) referred to above.

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ending in the month. In an attempt to provide unduplicated estimates of the number of persons who were wage and salary earners, certain government returns were adjusted to exclude some part-time employees considered to have full-time jobs elsewhere.

28. Government employment figures for July 1983 and subsequent months are based on data obtained from government departments and authorities using the same questionnaire, definitions, reference period, collection and processing procedures as for the sample of private employers.

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July	1,768.9	1,375.6	736.0	429.1	449.1	136.6	42.6	100.5	5,038.4
August	1,778.3	1,384.3	740.3	430.7	452.5	137.7	43.1	101.3	5,068.3
September	1,777.8	1,386.2	743.3	432.1	449.8	137.4	43.1	101.2	5,071.0
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	5,084.2
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	5,116.0
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	5,111.8
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January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	4,967.5
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March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	5,089.4
Standard error(a)									
—level	8.9	10.1	7.2	4.6	3.6	2.4	1.1	2.3	16.7
—movement	7.0	7.6	4.0	3.3	4.4	1.2	0.8	1.7	12.5

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TABLE 2. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES
(' 000)

State/ Sector	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
New South Wales	1,803.1	1,753.2	1,064.5	717.9	1,782.4	1,796.5	8.9	7.0
Private	1,266.0	1,229.7	726.2	521.6	1,247.8	1,249.4	8.9	7.0
Government	537.1	523.5	338.3	196.3	534.7	547.1	—	—
Commonwealth	129.4	130.0	87.1	43.6	130.7	130.5	—	—
State	347.8	333.4	201.0	142.3	343.3	355.5	—	—
Local	60.0	60.2	50.3	10.4	60.6	61.0	—	—
Victoria	1,379.3	1,339.7	810.2	556.8	1,367.0	1,374.0	10.1	7.6
Private	961.2	932.1	553.3	395.4	948.7	953.8	10.1	7.6
Government	418.1	407.6	256.9	161.4	418.3	420.3	—	—
Commonwealth	99.6	100.4	70.4	30.3	100.6	100.8	—	—
State	281.1	271.8	164.0	115.9	279.9	281.0	—	—
Local	37.3	35.4	22.5	15.2	37.8	38.4	—	—
Queensland	739.3	730.7	452.6	286.7	739.3	743.6	7.2	4.0
Private	499.5	487.7	292.1	200.8	492.9	494.7	7.2	4.0
Government	239.8	243.0	160.6	85.9	246.4	248.9	—	—
Commonwealth	48.6	48.2	32.3	16.2	48.5	48.8	—	—
State	164.6	168.7	104.7	66.3	171.0	173.0	—	—
Local	26.6	26.2	23.5	3.3	26.9	27.2	—	—
South Australia	445.5	431.8	257.0	184.4	441.4	443.1	4.6	3.3
Private	295.2	289.4	168.5	125.7	294.2	293.2	4.6	3.3
Government	150.3	142.4	88.5	58.6	147.2	149.9	—	—
Commonwealth	37.3	37.2	28.3	9.0	37.4	37.3	—	—
State	105.1	97.3	54.0	47.8	101.8	104.4	—	—
Local	7.9	7.9	6.2	1.9	8.0	8.1	—	—
Western Australia	454.4	430.7	261.7	175.7	437.4	441.6	3.6	4.4
Private	305.4	287.1	172.7	118.0	290.7	289.8	3.6	4.4
Government	149.0	143.6	89.0	57.6	146.7	151.9	—	—
Commonwealth	25.0	25.0	16.8	8.5	25.3	25.4	—	—
State	114.4	109.1	64.6	46.9	111.6	116.4	—	—
Local	9.6	9.5	7.6	2.2	9.8	10.0	—	—
Tasmania	139.9	134.7	84.7	52.3	137.0	138.6	2.4	1.2
Private	87.7	84.9	53.4	33.4	86.8	86.5	2.4	1.2
Government	52.2	49.8	31.3	18.9	50.3	52.1	—	—
Commonwealth	9.8	10.0	7.3	2.7	10.0	10.0	—	—
State	39.0	36.3	21.2	15.6	36.8	38.4	—	—
Local	3.4	3.4	2.9	0.6	3.5	3.6	—	—
Northern Territory	44.8	43.7	25.7	18.6	44.3	44.8	1.1	0.8
Private	24.6	23.8	14.4	9.9	24.3	24.4	1.1	0.8
Government	20.2	19.9	11.3	8.6	20.0	20.4	—	—
Commonwealth	4.3	4.4	2.9	1.6	4.4	4.5	—	—
N.T. Government	15.3	14.8	7.9	6.9	14.8	15.2	—	—
Local	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.7	—	—
Australian Capital Territory	105.6	102.8	57.6	46.9	104.5	107.1	2.3	1.7
Private	41.4	40.3	20.5	20.7	41.2	42.1	2.3	1.7
Government	64.2	62.5	37.2	26.2	63.3	65.0	—	—
Australia	5,111.8	4,967.5	3,014.2	2,039.2	5,053.4	5,089.4	16.7	12.5
Private	3,481.0	3,375.1	2,001.0	1,425.6	3,426.6	3,434.0	16.7	12.5
Government	1,630.8	1,592.4	1,013.2	613.6	1,626.8	1,655.4	—	—
Commonwealth	418.0	417.4	282.0	138.1	420.1	422.1	—	—
State(b)	1,067.6	1,031.6	617.7	441.8	1,059.5	1,084.2	—	—
Local	145.3	143.3	113.5	33.8	147.3	149.1	—	—

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

TABLE 3. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA: PRIVATE SECTOR—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	77.0	74.3	68.5	6.0	74.5	74.3	1.3	0.9
Manufacturing	953.7	949.3	707.3	259.9	967.2	970.1	5.2	4.3
Food, beverages and tobacco	162.8	158.9	115.1	49.4	164.5	164.4	2.1	1.7
Textiles, clothing and footwear	99.2	97.5	35.0	64.6	99.6	100.5	1.6	1.2
Wood, wood products and furniture	67.4	64.9	56.1	10.3	66.4	67.0	1.3	1.0
Paper, printing and publishing	96.6	95.7	67.8	29.3	97.1	97.6	1.9	1.5
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	53.9	56.2	41.8	14.9	56.7	56.7	1.5	1.5
Non-metallic mineral products	38.0	38.6	34.5	4.9	39.4	39.3	0.6	0.5
Basic metal products	74.8	75.4	69.8	6.1	75.9	75.8	0.4	0.3
Fabricated metal products	91.7	90.0	75.1	16.3	91.5	91.9	2.1	1.7
Transport equipment	80.4	81.2	70.4	12.3	82.7	83.6	0.6	0.4
Other machinery and equipment	130.7	133.7	102.4	32.7	135.1	135.3	2.5	2.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	58.1	57.1	39.3	19.0	58.3	58.0	1.3	0.9
Electricity, gas and water	6.4	6.0	5.2	0.8	6.0	6.0	—	—
Construction	179.4	169.3	148.9	22.6	171.5	169.6	4.3	3.0
Wholesale and retail trade	1,024.8	966.5	533.3	441.3	974.5	974.6	8.6	6.2
Wholesale trade	329.6	313.2	223.9	92.4	316.3	316.6	4.9	3.8
Retail trade	695.2	653.3	309.4	348.8	658.3	658.0	7.1	5.0
Transport and storage	128.5	126.6	101.5	26.4	127.9	127.1	3.2	2.9
Road transport	71.0	70.5	60.2	11.9	72.1	71.7	2.1	2.0
Other transport	57.4	56.1	41.3	14.5	55.8	55.4	2.5	2.1
Finance, property and business services	441.2	438.1	218.6	223.9	442.5	444.4	6.6	4.7
Community services	340.8	331.5	81.3	265.5	346.8	350.8	5.7	3.5
Health	172.0	171.3	23.7	150.0	173.8	173.7	3.8	2.1
Education	73.8	66.5	21.8	54.0	75.8	78.3	2.9	2.0
Other community services	95.0	93.7	35.8	61.5	97.3	98.8	3.2	2.0
Recreation, personal and other services(b)	329.2	313.5	136.4	179.2	315.6	316.8	8.5	6.9
Total all industries	3,481.0	3,375.1	2,001.0	1,425.6	3,426.6	3,434.0	16.7	12.5
Standard error(a)—level	17.2	16.4	10.6	9.7	16.7	16.7		

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TABLE 4. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA: GOVERNMENT SECTOR—INDUSTRY
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<i>Industry</i>	<i>Dec. 1983</i>	<i>Jan. 1984</i>	<i>Feb. 1984</i>		<i>Mar. 1984</i>	
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	11.4	11.8	10.2	1.5	11.7	11.6
Mining	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.2	6.7	6.7
Manufacturing	54.5	54.6	49.0	6.2	55.2	55.4
Electricity, gas and water	134.1	135.1	122.3	12.1	134.4	135.2
Construction	51.7	53.3	47.4	6.2	53.6	53.9
Wholesale and retail trade	5.0	4.9	3.3	1.5	4.8	4.8
Transport and storage	149.7	148.9	134.7	14.2	148.9	148.5
Communication	128.1	128.2	98.0	30.4	128.4	127.9
Finance, property and business services	94.0	94.5	46.0	49.1	95.1	95.7
Public administration and defence(a)	283.2	279.6	188.5	97.0	285.5	287.7
Community services	689.4	652.0	294.8	384.5	679.2	704.6
Health	251.5	248.6	73.0	180.6	253.6	254.6
Education	337.0	302.7	142.0	181.7	323.7	347.7
Other community services	100.9	100.6	79.7	22.2	101.9	102.3
Recreation, personal and other services	22.8	22.6	12.5	10.8	23.3	23.4
Total all industries	1,630.8	1,592.4	1,013.2	613.6	1,626.8	1,655.4

(a) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc.

TABLE 5. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	83.7	81.1	75.1	6.2	81.2	81.0	1.3	0.9
Manufacturing	1,008.2	1,003.9	756.3	266.1	1,022.3	1,025.6	5.2	4.3
Food, beverages and tobacco	167.5	163.6	119.4	50.3	169.7	169.8	2.1	1.7
Textiles, clothing and footwear	100.2	98.5	35.3	65.4	100.6	101.6	1.6	1.2
Wood, wood products and furniture	69.3	66.8	57.9	10.4	68.3	68.9	1.3	1.0
Paper, printing and publishing	101.2	100.2	71.1	30.5	101.7	102.2	1.9	1.5
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	58.0	60.4	44.6	16.2	60.8	60.9	1.5	1.5
Non-metallic mineral products	38.3	38.8	34.7	4.9	39.6	39.6	0.6	0.5
Basic metal products	75.0	75.6	69.9	6.1	76.1	75.9	0.4	0.3
Fabricated metal products	95.7	94.0	78.7	16.7	95.5	95.9	2.1	1.7
Transport equipment	111.2	112.0	100.4	13.3	113.7	114.5	0.6	0.4
Other machinery and equipment	133.8	136.9	104.9	33.3	138.2	138.4	2.5	2.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	58.1	57.1	39.3	19.0	58.3	58.0	1.3	0.9
Electricity, gas and water	140.5	141.1	127.5	12.9	140.4	141.2	—	—
Construction	231.2	222.6	196.3	28.8	225.1	223.5	4.3	3.0
Wholesale and retail trade	1,029.8	971.4	536.6	442.8	979.3	979.4	8.6	6.2
Wholesale trade	334.1	317.5	226.8	93.7	320.5	320.8	4.9	3.8
Retail trade	695.8	653.9	309.7	349.1	658.8	658.6	7.1	5.0
Transport and storage	278.1	275.5	236.2	40.6	276.7	275.6	3.2	2.9
Road transport	90.4	89.9	77.9	13.7	91.6	91.3	2.1	2.0
Other transport	187.7	185.5	158.3	26.9	185.1	184.3	2.5	2.1
Communication	128.2	128.3	98.1	30.4	128.5	128.0	—	—
Finance, property and business services	535.2	532.6	264.6	273.0	537.6	540.1	6.6	4.7
Public administration and defence(b)	283.2	279.6	188.5	97.0	285.5	287.7	—	—
Community services	1,030.2	983.5	376.1	649.9	1,026.0	1,055.4	5.7	3.5
Health	423.5	419.9	96.8	330.6	427.4	428.3	3.8	2.1
Education	410.8	369.3	163.8	235.7	399.5	426.0	2.9	2.1
Other community services	195.8	194.3	115.5	83.7	199.2	201.1	3.2	2.0
Recreation, personal and other services(c)	352.0	336.1	148.9	190.0	338.9	340.2	8.5	6.9
Total all industries(d)	5,111.8	4,967.5	3,014.2	2,039.2	5,053.4	5,089.4	16.7	12.5
Standard error(a)—level	17.2	16.4	10.6	9.7	16.7	16.7		

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (11,600 at March 1984).

TABLE 6. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, NEW SOUTH WALES—INDUSTRY
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Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	28.8	28.6	27.4	1.2	28.6	28.1	1.1	0.6
Manufacturing	362.7	353.9	266.1	94.2	360.3	360.9	3.3	2.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	52.8	50.4	36.1	15.9	52.0	51.6	1.4	1.1
Textiles, clothing and footwear	27.0	27.2	9.5	18.6	28.1	28.6	1.1	0.8
Wood, wood products and furniture	21.5	20.7	17.8	3.7	21.5	21.6	0.8	0.5
Paper, printing and publishing	35.1	36.2	25.2	11.4	36.7	36.8	1.5	1.1
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	27.5	26.1	17.5	8.6	26.1	26.1	0.5	1.0
Non-metallic mineral products	12.6	12.6	11.2	1.5	12.7	12.7	0.5	0.4
Basic metal products	39.6	39.0	36.5	3.0	39.4	39.4	0.3	0.2
Fabricated metal products	36.3	33.0	27.3	6.5	33.7	34.2	1.3	1.0
Transport equipment	28.6	28.7	26.3	2.7	29.0	29.0	0.3	0.1
Other machinery and equipment	59.5	59.5	44.7	15.0	59.6	59.8	1.2	0.9
Miscellaneous manufacturing	22.2	20.6	14.0	7.4	21.4	21.1	1.0	0.7
Electricity, gas and water	50.9	51.0	45.6	4.9	50.5	50.9	—	—
Construction	74.3	73.4	65.0	10.4	75.4	75.5	2.2	1.4
Wholesale and retail trade	369.1	352.9	196.4	160.4	356.8	356.8	5.5	4.5
Wholesale trade	128.6	124.8	87.8	38.4	126.2	125.8	3.7	3.0
Retail trade	240.5	228.1	108.6	121.9	230.5	231.0	4.1	3.3
Transport and storage	100.5	100.7	85.9	16.3	102.1	101.9	2.0	1.6
Communication	47.4	47.5	35.6	11.9	47.5	47.1	—	—
Finance, property and business services	222.3	223.1	105.8	118.1	223.9	225.2	3.6	2.9
Public administration and defence(b)	86.2	84.9	58.4	27.9	86.3	86.6	—	—
Community services	330.7	312.8	117.5	208.5	326.0	339.5	2.7	1.7
Health	142.3	141.8	32.2	110.3	142.5	144.0	2.0	1.4
Education	122.6	106.3	48.0	69.6	117.6	129.2	0.9	0.6
Other community services	65.8	64.7	37.3	28.5	65.9	66.3	1.6	0.8
Recreation, personal and other services(c)	126.7	120.8	58.1	63.7	121.9	120.7	2.8	2.3
Total all industries(d)	1,803.1	1,753.2	1,064.5	717.9	1,782.4	1,796.5	8.9	7.0
Standard error(a)—level	9.5	8.8	6.3	4.7	9.0	8.9		

For footnotes see Table 5.

TABLE 7. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, VICTORIA—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	6.2	6.9	6.0	0.7	6.8	6.8	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	345.4	343.1	244.5	104.1	348.6	350.0	3.0	2.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	47.4	48.6	35.3	14.9	50.2	50.6	1.1	0.9
Textiles, clothing and footwear	57.9	55.6	19.6	36.7	56.3	56.6	1.1	0.8
Wood, wood products and furniture	17.8	16.5	14.3	2.5	16.8	16.9	0.5	0.4
Paper, printing and publishing	32.9	32.6	23.4	9.9	33.3	33.2	0.9	0.7
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	19.4	20.5	15.6	5.1	20.7	20.7	0.6	0.4
Non-metallic mineral products	11.7	11.4	9.5	2.1	11.6	11.6	0.3	0.2
Basic metal products	12.2	12.1	10.6	1.5	12.1	12.2	0.2	0.2
Fabricated metal products	29.8	31.5	26.1	5.6	31.6	31.3	1.2	1.2
Transport equipment	50.7	50.2	43.2	8.0	51.2	52.0	0.2	0.1
Other machinery and equipment	42.6	41.5	31.3	10.8	42.1	42.1	1.7	1.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	23.0	22.6	15.7	7.0	22.7	22.8	0.7	0.5
Electricity, gas and water	40.3	40.5	36.9	3.9	40.7	40.6	—	—
Construction	52.8	51.0	44.5	6.8	51.3	51.3	2.2	1.7
Wholesale and retail trade	269.7	251.5	142.4	111.3	253.7	254.8	4.5	2.7
Wholesale trade	88.7	85.3	60.3	25.6	86.0	86.7	1.7	1.0
Retail trade	181.1	166.2	82.0	85.7	167.8	168.2	4.2	2.5
Transport and storage	68.0	65.0	55.2	9.8	65.0	64.5	2.0	2.1
Communication	33.2	33.6	25.8	7.8	33.7	33.6	—	—
Finance, property and business services	132.1	129.6	67.9	63.9	131.8	132.7	3.6	2.4
Public administration and defence(b)	69.6	68.1	42.4	28.1	70.6	71.1	—	—
Community services	273.5	262.8	103.0	172.1	275.1	277.4	3.4	2.1
Health	109.5	106.3	25.8	85.2	111.0	110.1	2.2	1.1
Education	113.0	106.0	48.2	64.7	112.9	115.4	1.5	1.1
Other community services	51.0	50.5	29.0	22.2	51.3	51.9	2.1	1.3
Recreation, personal and other services(c)	86.0	84.8	39.0	48.0	87.0	88.5	6.2	5.1
Total all industries(d)	1,379.3	1,339.7	810.2	556.8	1,367.0	1,374.0	10.1	7.6
Standard error(a)—level	9.6	9.7	6.1	5.8	10.0	10.1		

For footnotes see Table 5.

TABLE 8. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, QUEENSLAND—INDUSTRY
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Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	16.9	16.5	15.5	1.2	16.7	16.9	0.3.	0.3
Manufacturing	113.9	116.5	94.6	24.7	119.3	120.3	1.8	1.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	30.1	29.2	22.7	8.1	30.8	31.1	0.5	0.5
Chemical, petroleum and coal products; non-metallic mineral products	9.7	11.5	10.2	1.6	11.8	11.8	0.9	0.5
Metal products	18.9	19.8	17.4	2.5	19.9	20.0	0.6	0.5
Transport equipment	12.1	12.5	11.8	0.7	12.5	12.6	0.4	0.3
Other machinery and equipment	10.2	10.9	9.6	1.6	11.1	11.3	0.7	0.4
Other manufacturing(b)	32.9	32.6	22.8	10.3	33.1	33.6	1.0	0.6
Electricity, gas and water	19.7	19.5	17.5	1.9	19.4	19.5	—	—
Construction	47.2	42.6	37.5	4.8	42.3	42.3	2.5	1.5
Wholesale and retail trade	159.3	152.9	82.1	71.1	153.2	152.9	2.9	1.9
Wholesale trade	47.8	44.3	32.2	12.3	44.5	44.3	1.2	0.8
Retail trade	111.5	108.6	49.9	58.8	108.7	108.6	2.6	1.7
Transport and storage	49.6	49.8	44.3	5.8	50.2	50.0	1.3	0.9
Communication	20.9	20.6	16.2	4.5	20.7	20.7	—	—
Finance, property and business services	73.0	70.9	36.4	34.8	71.2	71.2	2.5	1.8
Public administration and defence(c)	40.5	40.1	29.9	11.1	41.1	41.3	—	—
Community services	140.5	145.7	56.9	94.0	151.0	153.2	2.3	1.6
Health	57.9	59.1	14.5	45.0	59.6	59.9	0.9	0.5
Education	56.2	58.8	23.8	38.1	61.9	63.9	2.1	1.5
Other community services	26.5	27.8	18.6	10.9	29.5	29.5	0.5	0.3
Recreation, personal and other services(d)	55.3	53.2	19.6	32.3	51.9	52.9	4.6	1.6
Total all industries(e)	739.3	730.7	452.6	286.7	739.3	743.6	7.2	4.0
Standard error(a)—level	7.4	7.3	4.2	4.3	7.2	7.2		

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Includes textiles, clothing and footwear; wood, wood products and furniture; paper, printing and publishing; miscellaneous manufacturing. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc. (d) Excludes private households employing staff. (e) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 9. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA—INDUSTRY
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Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	3.4	3.1	2.8	0.5	3.3	3.2	0.3	0.2
Manufacturing	94.5	95.5	73.0	24.0	96.9	96.8	1.6	1.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	17.9	17.4	12.3	5.2	17.5	17.7	0.6	0.6
Chemical, petroleum and coal products; non-metallic mineral products	5.7	6.3	5.2	1.2	6.4	6.4	0.8	1.0
Metal products	15.6	15.8	13.9	2.1	15.9	15.9	0.5	0.3
Transport equipment	14.1	14.6	13.6	1.2	14.8	14.8	0.2	—
Other machinery and equipment	14.6	15.0	10.7	4.6	15.3	15.0	0.8	0.5
Other manufacturing(b)	26.5	26.6	17.4	9.6	27.0	27.0	0.8	0.6
Electricity, gas and water	11.0	11.1	10.3	0.8	11.1	11.1	—	—
Construction	18.5	18.2	16.2	2.4	18.6	18.3	1.0	0.6
Wholesale and retail trade	90.9	85.3	46.4	39.8	86.2	85.9	3.1	2.3
Wholesale trade	26.9	25.5	18.7	7.1	25.8	25.9	1.9	1.6
Retail trade	64.0	59.8	27.7	32.7	60.4	60.0	2.5	1.7
Transport and storage	20.6	21.1	18.4	2.7	21.1	20.9	0.6	0.3
Communication	10.9	10.8	8.5	2.3	10.8	10.7	—	—
Finance, property and business services	38.3	39.8	19.7	20.5	40.2	40.2	1.4	1.0
Public administration and defence(c)	22.2	22.2	15.5	6.7	22.3	22.4	—	—
Community services	107.5	97.0	34.6	68.5	103.0	105.7	2.0	0.9
Health	46.4	46.3	9.3	37.4	46.7	46.8	1.7	0.7
Education	42.1	32.8	14.9	23.1	38.0	40.5	0.7	0.6
Other community services	19.0	17.9	10.4	8.0	18.3	18.5	0.8	0.2
Recreation, personal and other services(d)	27.2	27.3	11.2	16.3	27.5	27.3	1.4	1.0
Total all industries(e)	445.5	431.8	257.0	184.4	441.4	443.1	4.6	3.3
Standard error(a)—level	4.4	4.5	2.8	3.1	4.7	4.6		

For footnotes see Table 8.

TABLE 10. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	22.9	21.0	18.8	2.1	20.9	21.1	0.4	0.5
Manufacturing	60.7	61.8	51.2	12.4	63.6	63.9	1.2	0.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	11.8	10.6	8.0	3.4	11.5	11.4	0.7	0.7
Chemical, petroleum and coal products; non-metallic mineral products	7.7	8.6	7.9	0.8	8.8	8.7	0.3	0.2
Metal products	11.8	11.8	10.7	1.2	12.0	12.2	0.7	—
Transport equipment	4.9	5.2	4.7	0.4	5.2	5.2	0.1	—
Other machinery and equipment	6.0	7.5	6.8	0.9	7.7	7.7	0.4	0.1
Other manufacturing(b)	18.5	18.2	13.0	5.5	18.5	18.7	0.6	0.5
Electricity, gas and water	12.1	12.2	11.2	0.9	12.1	12.2	—	—
Construction	21.7	21.8	19.5	2.3	21.8	20.8	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and retail trade	94.9	86.7	46.3	41.0	87.3	87.0	1.9	1.3
Wholesale trade	31.4	28.0	20.2	8.0	28.2	28.2	1.2	0.8
Retail trade	63.6	58.7	26.1	33.0	59.1	58.7	1.5	1.0
Transport and storage	26.7	25.8	21.7	3.6	25.2	25.1	0.5	0.3
Communication	9.7	9.5	7.4	2.2	9.6	9.5	—	—
Finance, property and business services	44.4	42.7	21.6	21.6	43.2	43.2	1.4	1.1
Public administration and defence(c)	21.3	20.7	14.5	6.7	21.3	21.5	—	—
Community services	104.5	98.6	36.7	65.7	102.4	107.4	1.7	1.2
Health	44.2	43.9	10.2	34.3	44.5	44.4	1.0	0.7
Education	41.6	35.7	15.6	22.8	38.5	43.3	0.7	0.3
Other community services	18.7	19.0	10.9	8.6	19.4	19.7	1.2	1.0
Recreation, personal and other services(d)	34.0	28.4	11.5	17.0	28.4	28.4	1.2	3.4
Total all industries(e)	454.4	430.7	261.7	175.7	437.4	441.6	3.6	4.4
Standard error(a)—level	5.3	3.6	2.4	2.4	3.7	3.6		

For footnotes see Table 8.

TABLE 11. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, TASMANIA—INDUSTRY
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Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.2	3.2	3.2	—	—
Manufacturing	25.1	25.4	21.0	5.0	26.0	26.0	0.2	0.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	6.5	6.2	4.1	2.3	6.5	6.4	0.1	0.1
Paper, printing and publishing	5.3	5.1	4.4	0.7	5.2	5.3	0.1	—
Chemical, petroleum and coal products; non-metallic mineral products	1.6	1.9	1.7	0.2	2.0	1.9	—	—
Metal products	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.3	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Other manufacturing(b)	6.8	7.3	6.0	1.4	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.1
Electricity, gas and water	5.4	5.7	5.1	0.4	5.5	5.6	—	—
Construction	6.3	6.0	5.5	0.7	6.2	6.1	0.4	0.2
Wholesale and retail trade	24.5	22.4	12.5	9.8	22.3	22.4	0.6	0.7
Wholesale trade	6.8	5.9	4.7	1.3	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.2
Retail trade	17.8	16.5	7.8	8.5	16.3	16.3	0.6	0.6
Transport and storage	6.3	6.5	5.8	0.8	6.6	6.5	0.2	0.1
Communication	3.2	3.4	2.7	0.7	3.4	3.4	—	—
Finance, property and business services	12.4	12.6	6.8	6.3	13.1	13.2	2.2	0.8
Public administration and defence(c)	7.4	7.5	5.3	2.3	7.6	7.7	—	—
Community services	34.8	31.3	12.2	19.8	32.0	33.7	0.4	0.2
Health	13.6	13.2	2.8	10.6	13.5	13.7	0.3	0.1
Education	15.9	12.7	5.5	7.7	13.1	14.5	0.1	0.1
Other community services	5.3	5.3	3.9	1.5	5.4	5.4	0.1	0.1
Recreation, personal and other services(d)	10.3	10.0	4.1	6.1	10.3	10.0	0.6	0.4
Total all industries(e)	139.9	134.7	84.7	52.3	137.0	138.6	2.4	1.2
Standard error(a)—level	2.4	2.1	1.5	1.1	2.3	2.4		

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Includes textiles, clothing and footwear; wood, wood products and furniture; transport equipment; other machinery and equipment; miscellaneous manufacturing. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc. (d) Excludes private households employing staff. (e) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

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TABLE 12. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, NORTHERN TERRITORY—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Mining	2.0	1.7	1.5	0.2	1.7	1.7	—	0.1
Manufacturing	2.2	2.7	2.2	0.5	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
Electricity, gas and water	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	—	—
Communication	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.1	—	—
Public administration and defence(b)	6.2	6.1	4.0	2.2	6.2	6.2	—	—
Community services	11.3	10.4	4.4	6.0	10.4	11.0	0.3	0.2
Health	3.1	3.1	0.8	2.3	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.1
Education	4.9	4.1	1.6	2.5	4.1	4.5	0.1	0.1
Other community services	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.2	3.2	3.3	0.3	0.2
Other industries(c)	21.7	21.5	12.7	9.2	22.1	21.8	1.0	0.7
Total all industries	44.8	43.7	25.7	18.6	44.3	44.8	1.1	0.8
Standard error(a)—level	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.1		

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc. (c) Includes construction; wholesale and retail trade; transport and storage; finance, property and business services; recreation, personal and other services.

TABLE 13. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

Industry	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984		Mar. 1984		Standard error(a)	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Level	Movement
Manufacturing	3.7	4.9	3.7	1.2	5.0	4.9	0.7	0.7
Electricity, gas and water	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.9	—	—
Communication	1.8	1.9	1.2	0.7	1.8	1.8	—	—
Public administration and defence(b)	29.8	30.0	18.3	12.0	30.3	30.8	—	—
Community services(c)	27.4	25.0	10.8	15.3	26.1	27.5	0.8	0.4
Health	6.5	6.2	1.2	5.3	6.5	6.3	0.4	0.2
Education	14.7	12.7	6.1	7.2	13.3	14.7	0.3	—
Other industries(d)	41.7	40.0	22.6	17.4	40.2	40.8	2.0	1.4
Total all industries(e)	105.6	102.8	57.6	46.9	104.5	107.1	2.3	1.7
Standard error(a)—level	2.0	2.3	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.3		

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 16-22. (b) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc. (c) Includes components not shown separately. (d) Includes mining; construction; wholesale and retail trade; transport and storage; finance, property and business services; recreation, personal and other services. (e) Includes wage and salary earners employed by government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.